

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

October 6, 2010

The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I am writing regarding the recent application CenturyLink and Qwest Communications filed with the Federal Communications Commission on May 10, 2010, for approval of their proposed merger. It has already received approval from the Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission.

CenturyLink serves thousands of homes and businesses in North Carolina, directly employs nearly 2,300 North Carolinians, and has an annual payroll of \$160 million. Of course, many other companies support CenturyLink as suppliers, technicians, and customer service representatives.

I request that the FCC give the CenturyLink/Qwest application prompt attention, and that you give this proposed merger full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,



Richard Burr
United States Senator

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WASHINGTON

October 25, 2010

The Honorable Richard M. Burr
United States Senate
217 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Burr:

Thank you for your letter supporting the proposed transfer of control between CenturyLink and Qwest. I value your perspective on the potential benefits of this transaction and I appreciate your interest in this matter.

Many of the issues associated with this transaction – investment in broadband infrastructure, extending broadband to rural areas, and job creation – are among my highest priorities as Chairman. The Commission takes seriously its evaluation of transfer of control applications; and you can be assured that it will consider these issues as part of its careful and deliberate review of this proposed transfer.

Your letter will be included in the record of this proceeding. If I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "J. Genachowski", is written over the printed name. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "J".

Julius Genachowski